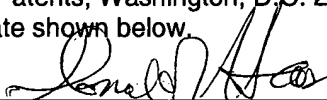




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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NONCOMPLIANT AMENDMENT

In response to the Notice of July 29, 2004, the Applicants hereby submit the following proposed claim amendments and remarks which are in response to the office action of April 27, 2004.